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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE (EAC) MEETING, BOGOTA; JUNE 10, 2005

REF: TD 314/35006-05

1.(S) Begin Summary: Post's Emergency Action Committee convened on June 10, 2005 Chaired by Charge, d,Affaires Milton Drucker to discuss a potential threat to the Embassy and Colombian governmental offices using a Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) by the FARC 42 front. The information is not time specific, but Colombian authorities believe the source is credible. See Reference.

2.(S) EAC Action: Post EAC met and discussed the Colombian Intelligence report and how it might impact the American community Fourth of July celebration on June 11, at the Embassy. The celebration will have in excess of 800 U.S. and Colombians as well as invited guests. After discussing the intelligence report, the EAC decided that the security that will be in place, will adequately address and deter a VBIED attack as described by Colombian Intelligence.

3.(SBU) Regional Security Office (RSO) Actions: The RSO is coordinating both internal and external security for tomorrow,s event. In addition to the Local Guard Force (LGF), LGF Mobile Patrols, Surveillance Detection Teams (SDT), RSO has requested in excess of 100 Colombian National Police and Colombian Military. Counter sniper teams, two Quick Reaction Forces (QRF), Bomb Detection teams with canines, Mounted Police as well as mobile patrols, will be strategically placed to maximize security.

4.(SBU) The RSO currently has had an area denial and detection operation in place since the FARC Anniversary on 28 May. These teams will continue to provide support during the weekend and near future.

5.(SBU) Colombian National Police (CNP) have also reported that they are conducting name checks on persons registered in Hotels near the Embassy as well as vehicle checks in areas adjacent to our perimeter.

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